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(C) LT. COL.ODOM'S JANUARY 2L TELECON WITH AFN CHIEF ENGINEER MORTENSEN

1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR USIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR KOPP AND AMBASSADOR TOON FOR USE IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL AND BOSNIAN OFFICIALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPENING OF US INFORMATION CENTER SARAJEVO. PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN PARA 2.

(A) WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO WORKING TOWARD MEANS TO
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ELIMINATE AFN INTERFERENCE TO RADIO SARAJEVO BROADCASTS

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ON 611 KHZ IN YUGOSLAVIA, AS WE HAVE INDICATED TO GOY OFFICIALS IN BELGRADE, SARAJEVO AND WASHINGTON;

(B) AFN IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT CO-CHANNEL INTERFERENCE TESTS REQUESTED BY THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT THE TIMES REQUESTED (REFTEL B). AFN IS ALSO PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER JOINT TESTING PROVIDING GOY GIVES MINIMUM 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION;

(C) AS AMBASSADOR TOON INDICATED TO BERISAVLJEVIC (REFTEL

A), QUESTION OF GOY'S CLAIM TO EXCLUSIVE USE OF 611 KHZ BEYOND YUGOSLAVIA'S BORDERS CANNOT RPT NOT BE DECIDED BY USG AND GOY. FORTHCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS TO WHICH US IS NOT RPT NOT A PARTY WOULD SEEM TO BE PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S CLAIM;

(D) USG WOULD, OF COURSE, RESPECT ANY DECISION ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATION TAKEN BY FRG ON BASIS OF RESULTS OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN FYI -- US IS LOCATED IN ITU REGION II (WESTERN HEMISPHERE). US WILL NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN FORTHCOMING REGION I (EUROPE AND AFRICA) AND REGION III (REMAINDER OF THE WORLD) CONFERENCE ON FREQUENCIES IN GENEVA (GENEVA CONFERENCE ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS). ITU HAS REGISTERED 11 STATIONS FOR BROADCASTING ON 611 KHZ. THESE INCLUDE RADIO SARAJEVO, THE THREE AFN STATIONS, AND STATIONS IN THE GDR (BERLIN), USSR (MAYAK) NAIROBI, MOROCCO, ETC. END FYI.

4. USAREUR FOR AFN CHIEF ENGINEER MORTENSEN: REQUEST YOU COORDINATE FINAL DETAILS OF JANUARY 23 AND 24 TESTS WITH EMBASSY BONN PER REFTEL B. KISSINGER

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